SG President requests PTI after drunkenness, resisting arrest charges

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Student Body President Nick Payne was arrested and charged with public drunkenness, resisting arrest and interfering with a police officer outside of Red Hot Tomato’s in Five Points during the early morning hours of Jan. 5, according to an incident report obtained from the Columbia police department.

The report states that Payne, a fourth-year economics student, approached the reporting officer from behind while the officer was responding to a call. Payne was warned several times to back up and leave the scene, according to the report.

According to the report, Payne appeared to be intoxicated. When the officer attempted to arrest Payne, he pushed the officer to the ground, according to the report.

“The events that took place Saturday morning were unfortunate and a complete misunderstanding,” said Payne in a statement released late Thursday night. “I take responsibility for my actions as Student Body President and know what my peers expect out of me. I was elected by the students of the University of South Carolina to lead America in the 21st century who needs their taxes and the ongoing war in Iraq.

Payne said it was a matter of “wrong place, wrong time.” Jerry Brewer, associate vice president for student affairs, was made aware of the incident and said it was being handled properly though he offered no further comment on the possible consequences for Payne’s actions or why there had been no announcement of the matter to the student body.

The president, vice presidents, and treasurers are directly elected to their offices by students who vote through VIP on election day. The student government administration states “The President ... shall maintain in good conduct their respective offices from the inauguration of the President to the inauguration of the new President,” though it does not define what constitutes “bad” conduct.

Student Body Vice President Sayr Laurel, a third-year international studies student, was arrested March 31, 2007, at the Carolina Cup horse race in Camden for disorderly conduct. He later apologized to Student Senate.

Payne is out on bond.

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McCain: ‘I need your voice’

Arizona resident addresses economic issues, taxes, war in Iraq at his campaign office

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Arizona Sen. John McCain spoke to over 200 people at his South Carolina campaign headquarters on Gervais Street Thursday afternoon.

In a final attempt to convince South Carolina voters to mark his name to the top of their lists, McCain spoke on economic issues, taxes and the ongoing war in Iraq.

“I need your voice,” McCain said. “This election is a pivotal one, and I will lead America in the 21st century ... I am ready to serve.”

McCain called his campaign “pro-growth, anti-tax and pro-development.”

He said Americans face a “rough time ahead” in regards to the economy. “Spending (in Congress) went out of control, and this problem must be fixed,” McCain said.

McCain said he believes Congress spends billions of dollars that could be saved and invested or put into research and development. “[Americans] pay more to a taxpayer money frivolously, and I will put an end to that,” McCain said. “Increasing taxes decreases revenues. Is there anyone here who needs their taxes increased?”

Still, he felt America’s economic conditions weren’t all bad.

“We are still the greatest nation, our economic conditions are strong and our greatest economic days are ahead of us,” McCain said.

McCain also said the tax code was “complicated, disgraceful and outrageous,” and called for its reform. McCain vowed to cut taxes and unnecessary spending, and help America “get through this rough patch.”

McCain also spoke about his military experience and readiness to lead America in the war in Iraq. He criticized Democrats for calling the war “a mistake.”

“We are succeeding in Iraq,” McCain said. “And we need to put bipartisan aide to continue to succeed. We must never surrender.”

McCain ended his speech with a positive note concerning his possible administration. “I may not know all the answers, but I will surround myself with people who do,” McCain said.

McCain supporters from various interest groups were in attendance. The American Association of Retired People, the ONE campaign and various environmental groups were among them.

Liz Borroughs said she came to see McCain “to be more for clean energy.”

“We hope he addresses the environment again before the primaries,” said the Virginia native.

Several prominent Republicans from South Carolina attended the rally to show their support for McCain. Among those were Sen. Lindsey Graham, S.C. Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell, S.C. Attorney General Henry McMaster and former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp.

“We need the total package in the White House,” Graham said.

Sen. Tim Coburn, R-Okl., also came to support McCain.

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McCain to campaign in South Carolina

Republican presidential hopeful John McCain shakes hands with USC political science professor Chuck Finochiaro at a recent stop in Columbia.

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ANALYSTS
SHARE PRIMARY OPINIONS
Top journalists give commentary on race, gender, possible VP

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A motley crew of students, professors and community members gathered to listen to three of the nation’s top journalists share their insights on the South Carolina Primary and the Primary Symposium Thursday in the Belk Auditorium.

Dan Balz of the Washington Post, Roger Simon of Politics.com and Tom Edsall of The Huffington Post and The Washington Post, gave commentary on a variety of topics. Such topics included race and gender in the Democratic Party and the possible vice presidential selection of South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford.

“We’re not columnists. We’re reporters and analysts that want to provide accurate insight and emphasis on what’s going on in the campaign,” Balz said.

According to Balz, South Carolina’s political history has proved its importance to the GOP.

“South Carolina has a very long tradition of being a very organized Republican party. It’s where George W. Bush beat McCain,” Balz said.

Simon said tomorrow’s South Carolina primary could go either way.

“South Carolina is a strong state for McCain. Thompson should do well under those circumstances, and Mike Huckabee hasn’t won since Iowa. There are a lot of evangelicals and Baptists in this state. Why shouldn’t he also do well,” Simon said.

Aside from insight on the Republican Party,
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Cocky rides around campus on a mountain bike.

Crime Report

SATURDAY, JAN. 12
Larceny, 2:31 p.m.
Blue Ridge Café, 328 Wheat St.
Someone took a driver’s license from a wallet in gym bag.
Reporting officer: B. Timbers

TUESDAY, JAN. 15
Leaving the scene of an accident, 5:30 p.m.
Columbia Hall, 918 Barnwell St.
Someone hit the bumper of the victim’s car. A witness said it was someone driving a silver Chevrolet.
Estimated damage: $500
Reporting officer: L. Diaz

SATURDAY, JAN. 16
Breaking and entering motor vehicle, 7:40 a.m.
Blossom Street Garage, 1300 Blossom St.
Someone broke out the rear window of the victim’s car. Nothing appeared to be missing.
Estimated cost: $500
Responding officer: M.J. Winnington

Hit and run, 3:30 p.m.
Pendleton Street Garage, 1501 Pendleton St.
The victim returned to her car to find it had been hit.
Reporting officer: B. Timbers

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
MLK Day of Service
Registration
Russell House lobby

1:30 p.m.
“America and the World: How can we restore America’s image?”
Gambrell 152

JAN. 19
S.C. Republican Primary
JAN. 21
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
MLK Day of Service

3:30 p.m.
“The Silence of Good People”
Law School Auditorium

6:30 p.m.
Gospel Unity Fest
Koger Center
"The difference in her win," it definitely didn’t hurt her. Was planned, fake or real. Primary. Her display was genuine. It helped whether or not the tears public tears. Edsall said. Hillary Clinton’s, D-N.Y., country." "We’ll never know if it America is not a racist show the rest of the world him is a healing vote. It will Democrats.

We as a university should be engaged in public dialogue about foreign policy, local issues and social concerns," Bierbauer said in a news release prior to the event. Giambastiani said the government needs to spend resources and focus attention "not just in a military way, but in a non-military way." He said Americans can change outside opinions about Americans but "we have to return to the point of believing in ourselves." Livingston said he has much hope for America’s future.

"There’s something mighty right about this great country," Livingston said. Gen. Michael Hagee was supposed to participate in the panel, but could not attend due to plane delays. Hagee will speak today on U.S. foreign policy in a lecture, "America and the World: How can we restore America’s image?" from 1:30 to 1 p.m. in Gambrell 152.

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Panel urges diplomacy

Impact ’08 discusses need for non-military action, methods

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Impact ’08 in South Carolina, an event to address national security concerns and the future safety of America, attracted more than 100 people Thursday night in the Russell House Ballroom.

A three-course dinner, featuring a panel discussion, was co-sponsored by USC, the Center for U.S. Global Engagement, the Columbia World Affairs Council and the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Impact ’08 focused on strengthening diplomacy and non-military action for the future of America. An important topic stressed throughout the night was how America needs to advance diplomatic tools to advance foreign relations.

The event also challenged the 2008 presidential candidates to secure a safer future for America. USC President Andrew Sorensen opened the event by welcoming the guests of Impact ’08. He mentioned the number of Carolina students traveling abroad has doubled over the years and noted the success of USC’s Green Quad and Innovistas project.

S. Hunter Howard, president and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, also spoke at the event and noted the importance of the global economy and its effect on the state.

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"Global trade supports one in five jobs in South Carolina," Howard said.

Charles Bierbauer, dean of the School of Mass Communications and Information Sciences, was the moderator for the panel, but could not attend due to plane delays. Hagee will speak today on U.S. foreign policy in a lecture, "America and the World: How can we restore America’s image?" from 1:30 to 1 p.m. in Gambrell 152.

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the speakers catered to an audience of mostly Democrats. Race and gender were the two main issues addressed.

"To talk about race makes America the most uncomfortable. We’d rather not talk about it. The candidates would rather not talk about it," Simon said. "Obama’s subtle message to the public is that a vote for him is a healing vote. It will show the rest of the world that at the symposium he learned ‘about the odd relationship South Carolina has with the Democratic party.’"

John Mahaffey, a fourth-year political science student, said he heard about the symposium through a teacher.

"I was interested in what these knowledgeable people had to say about the primaries. Personally, I feel this would have been more beneficial if the audience could hear about South Carolina political issues," Mahaffey said.

Simon said it made her more likeable. He said it made her more popular. Simon also in attendance.

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Payne’s silence only with an apology — or even so much as an admission of silent to begin with and refusing to comment on the openness. Any wrongdoing should be confessed on the it. E-mail us at gamecockopinions@gwm.sc.edu misspelled.

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New Dillinger Escape Plan album sonically assaults with experimental elements, polyrhythmic brutality

Fans’ metal thirst quenched by wide-ranging ‘Ire Works’

By Thomas Moore

Special to the Daily Gamecock

To all Dillinger Escape Plan fans: Dillinger will never again make fans’ metal thirst quenched by wide-ranging ‘Ire Works.’

However, this does not mean that Dillinger has lain down dead. With ‘Ire Works,’ they continue their syncopated riffing in absurd time signatures while adding new elements to their music.

Dillinger’s usage of experimental elements shines through with the intensity remains intact and make up their own minds. The field is one of heated media and make up their own minds. The field is one of heated debates and intense emotions. The media can just cut and dry. This on its own is something that we can’t do without. It’s time for America to leap forward into the 21st century instead of being stuck in the past. The news media is still riding high on a message of change, the exaggerations of the media may have harmed his chances in the primaries. While the Obama Nation is still riding high on a message of change, the exaggerations of the media may have harmed his chances in the primaries.

The presidential race is the only thing that we can focus on. If we use our voices to speak up for what we believe in, then we can make a difference. After Obama’s victory in the Iowa caucuses, the bandwagon and set their eyes on the New Hampshire primary by media and make up their own minds. The field is one of heated debates and intense emotions. The media can just cut and dry. The news media’s comfortable view of the presidential elections was shattered with Clinton’s victory. They were caught off guard, and the news media was shocked. Before Obama’s victory, all of the Manafort, Blairs and O’Reillys were a big deal. But the news media got their facts wrong. The first debate between Obama and Hillary was pretty bad. The Democratic Party was shaken up in the low-tech, slow news media followed suit and began to ignore Hillary’s chances in New Hampshire. 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Taurus: You’re not quite as lucky as you were, but you still can probably find an excellent deal or two if you go shopping now. Be quick and decisive. You know where to go.

Gemini: You’re more likely to win the argument, but don’t be hasty. A compromise that works for both of you is a better option. Don’t assume it’s impossible, your adversary could surprise you.

Cancer: There are deadlines to be met, and it would be very nice if everything went according to plan. Don’t wager that it will. Install a safety net.

Leo: Enthusiastic teammates are ready to take over. All they need is a plan and some congenial coaching. Extricate yourself from the doing and you’ll get a lot more done. Virgo: Pay attention to business again, for a little while. Somebody needs something done quickly. You’re the perfect person for the job. Make sure the others make the connection. Don’t be shy.

Libra: This is the start of favorable traveling conditions. You’re ready for a change of scene. If you can’t afford to fly, get as far as you can on foot. The exercise is good for you.

Sagittarius: An enthusiastic person gets you motivated. The job’s completed, and you’re off to other things in what seems like minutes. Having someone to talk to takes your mind off your worries.

Capricorn: The more quickly you work, the more money you’ll make. This appears to be the case even if you’re not getting paid by the item. Go figure, but meanwhile, hustle.

Aquarius: Settle a domestic matter so you can take some time to relax. You’ve been working hard lately, you’ve definitely earned a break. Even better, you can take one.

Pisces: Remember what other people have told you, and use what best applies. You’ll have to modify their advice to fit your situation, and your personality.

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Women’s team visits Ole Miss

Carolina looks for a win on the road after two opening losses

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Digging into the SEC purse of their schedule, the Carolina women’s basketball team faces its next challenge when the Gamecocks travel to Oxford, Miss. to take on the University of Mississippi (7-8, 1-1 in the SEC) at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Despite dropping their first two SEC games to Alabama and Tennessee, the Gamecocks (10-6, 0-2 in the SEC) feel confident heading into the rest of their conference play.

“Believe in the team,” said head coach Susan Walvius. “But we need to grow and get better. We need to rebound and defend better.”

The other key thing that Carolina needs to work on this weekend and the rest of the season is reducing their number of turnovers. After turning the ball over 10 times against Tennessee, Walvius isn’t setting back and waiting for the improvement to be made.

“In practice, we’ve had to run for every turnover we commit,” said senior center Ilona Burgrova.

This will be especially important this weekend when the Gamecocks take on the quick four-guard front that Ole Miss starts. The Rebels run an aggressive defense that hounds offenses into tough traps, and will convert on careless Carolina mistakes.

Ole Miss junior center Shawn Guff will be a challenge in the paint for Burgrova. Averaging 13.7 points per game and 7.2 rebounds per game, Guff has also scored in the double digits for the past eight games.

“We know that Ole Miss is talented, and tough,” Burgrova said. “They mostly play zone, which we aren’t used to, so we’ve got to find the open shots.”

USC center Ilona Burgrova will lead the Gamecocks against the Ole Miss Rebels Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Choke jobs leave fans in winter depression

Do you remember late Wednesday night when the air turned bitter cold and large chunks of white snow began to fall on the USC campus? If you were like me, you were ecstatic that it was finally snowing in this unpredictable weather city we call Columbia. After all, it doesn’t snow around here very often — the last time I remember this city getting a large amount of snow that stuck was when I was in the sixth grade.

I do you remember the hope that filled your head? Were you praying that it would stick just long enough to cancel classes, or back, just a delay, even?

Unfortunately, we were all disappointed, and there were no cancellations, no delays. Expectation had finally begun to build on our campus, and it all came crashing in a blizzard with disappointment.

That sound was awfully familiar, doesn’t it? To me, the snow not sticking reminded me of our athletics department.

This past fall, the Carolina football team was on top of the Southeast and ready to stake their claim in the race for the SEC title, but a 6-1 start soon collapsed into a bitter 6-6 season, which included a blowout loss to Florida and a stunning upset by the Vanderbilt Commodores.

The basketball team did it just a few short months before the Gamecocks traveled to Oxford, Miss. to take on the Ole Miss Rebels. However, UNC came back to win that game, and overcame a three-run deficit two days later to knock USC out of the NCAA Tournament and put themselves back on the College World Series.

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Jan. 19 UNC Classic Chapel Hill, N.C.
Jan. 25-26 On Track Open Ljubljana, Vs.
Jan. 26 Tom Jones Memorial Classic Gainesville, Fl.
Feb. 2 Mile High Games New York City, N.Y.
Feb. 3-5 The Armory New York City, N.Y.
Feb. 15-16 Tyson Invitational Fayetteville, Ar.
Feb. 23 Gamecock Invitational-at home SEC Indoor Championships Fayetteville, Ark.
March 14-15 NCAA Indoor Championships Fayetteville, Ark.
March 21-22 @ Coastal Carolina Myrtle Beach, S.C.
March 22 Weems Boake Invitational at Auburn, Ala.
April 4-5 Pepsi Florida Relays Gainesville, Fl.
April 9 State USTF Meet at home SEC Indoor Championships Fayetteville, Ark.
April 10-11-12 SEC Outdoor Championships Athens, Ga.
April 24-26 Penn Relays Philadelphia, Pa.
May 9 Cardinal Classic-Episcopal Hill,N.C.
May 15-18 SEC Outdoor Championships Athens, Ga.
May 30-31 NCAA East Regionals Tallahassee, Fl.

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The men’s tennis team opens up its spring slate with the SEC Indoor Championships in New Orleans, La., this weekend. This event is the last event in which the players will compete as individuals instead of as a team.

The spring season is dual team meets leading up into the NCAA Championships in May and June. As a team, the Gamecocks enter the spring season with a national ranking of No. 36. The Gamecocks are picked to finish fifth in the SEC East, finishing just ahead of Vanderbilt.

Pedro Campos is the lone sophomore from Salvador, native is returning from a gruesome injury during last season spring season, a broken kneecap. After months of therapy, Cuellar is looking for a successful senior season. USC is coming off of an injury-plagued 2007 season that ended with an 11-14 record including a 3-9 mark during SEC play. This ended the Gamecocks school record of 13 straight appearances in the NCAA Championships. This year the team will try to bounce back and return to the NCAA. The Gamecocks only lost one starter from last year’s team in senior Pedro Rodrigues.

Ragging rights will not be the only thing on the line this weekend, as the team will look to take momentum from this weekend into the dual meet season which will start in February. The only players on the current roster that have competed in the Indoor Championships before are seniors Cuellar and Vergene Supeko. Cuellar competed back in 2005 as a freshman where he lost first-round matches in both singles and doubles. However, Cuellar did pick up a win in the consolation bracket.

Supeko competed as a sophomore in 2006 where he won both his singles and doubles first-round match-ups. In singles, he advanced to the round of 12 where he lost in two sets. In doubles action, he also lost in the second round, losing to the top-seeded doubles pair from UGA.

This season, the team will hope to have luck traveling to the Indoors in New Orleans. Last season, due to travel problems leaving the Columbus airport, the Gamecocks had to withdraw from the tournament.

The tournament begins on Friday and will conclude with the singles and doubles championships Sunday afternoon. South Carolina will open up its dual meet schedule on January 27 with a home doubleheader against Wofford and Troy.

The indoor track season indoor All-Americans in sophomore Quentin Moore, and seniors Keith Hinnant and Ray Milly. All three of the sprinters participated in the 4x400 relays team last year.

The men's team welcomes freshman hurdler Johnny Dozier to the team this year. Arguably the best high school hurdler in the nation last year, Dutch has the speed to help the Gamecocks tremendously throughout the season.

We were projected as a top 25 team this year, but I really think we are on the verge of being a top 10 team, we’ve got a solid group of guys who are very, very, very fast,” Frey said of his men’s team.

The indoor track season is on the shorter side, lasting just two weeks and culminating with the NCAA Indoor Championships coming in mid-March.
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